

# CURRICULUM VITAE



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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 November 1959

NATIONALITY: British and South African [dual nationality]

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: famine; food security; rural livelihoods; social protection

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: Sub-Saharan Africa: Botswana; Burundi; Chad; Ethiopia; Ghana; Lesotho; Malawi; Mozambique; Namibia; Rwanda; South Africa; Swaziland; Uganda; Zambia, Zanzibar

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### OVERVIEW

Stephen Devereux is a development economist with 30 years of experience in food security, poverty and rural development in 13 African countries, including 3 years heading a Rural Research Programme at the University of Namibia and one year researching household drought responses in northern Ghana. He has been a Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies since 1996, where he co-founded the Centre for Social Protection in 2005. He has published more than 70 journal articles and (co-)authored or (co-)edited 9 books, on food security, famine and social protection. He was a founding associate editor of the journal *Food Security*. He has worked for numerous international agencies and provided policy advice to many African governments. He has supervised more than 60 Masters students and 18 PhD students in UK and South Africa, and presented sessions on over 70 training courses. Since 2016 he has held a Research Chair in Social Protection for Food Security, affiliated to the Centre of Excellence in Food Security at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa.

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### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1992 **DPhil**, Economics, Oxford University (Luca d'Agliano Award for development research; UK Africa Studies Association Dissertation Prize: 'Household Responses to Food Insecurity in Northern Ghana')

1986 **MPhil**, Economics, Oxford University (Balliol College: Third World Scholarship)

1982 **BA**, Economics, University of Cape Town (Honours; Louis Weiner Scholarship)

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### RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

1996 – **Fellow**, *Institute of Development Studies*, at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom.

1993–95 **Senior Researcher**, *Social Sciences Division*, University of Namibia.

1992–93 **Food Security Consultant**, *Namibian Institute of Social and Economic Research*, Namibia.

1986–92 **Research Associate**, *Food Studies Group*, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.

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### APPOINTMENTS (selected since 2002)

2019–22 **Mercator Fellow**, SOCIUM Research Centre on Inequality and Social Policy, University of Bremen, Germany.

2019–22 **Extern Examiner**, *MSc Food Security Policy*, School of Development Studies, University College Cork, Ireland.

2016–22 **Chair-holder**, *SA-UK Bilateral Research Chair in Social Protection for Food Security*, Centre of Excellence in Food Security and the Institute for Social Development, University of the Western Cape, South Africa.

2013–22 **Extraordinary Professor**, *Institute for Social Development*, University of the Western Cape, South Africa.

2009–15 **Associate Editor**, *Food Security* journal.

2007–10 **Honorary Research Fellow**, *School of Development Studies*, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

2005– **Director / Co-Director**, *Centre for Social Protection*, Institute of Development Studies, United Kingdom.

2002–03 **Specialist Adviser**, *Inquiry into the Humanitarian Crisis in Southern Africa*, House of Commons International Development Committee, United Kingdom.

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Books (since 2007)

- 2013 S. Devereux, M. Getu (eds), **Informal and Formal Social Protection Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa**, OSSREA.
- 2012 S. Devereux, R. Sabates-Wheeler, R. Longhurst (eds), **Seasonality, Rural Livelihoods and Development**, Earthscan.
- 2011 S. Handa, S. Devereux, D. Webb (eds), **Social Protection for Africa's Children**, Routledge.
- 2009 F. Ellis, S. Devereux, P. White, **Social Protection in Africa**, Edward Elgar.
- 2008 S. Devereux, B. Vaitla, S. Hauenstein Swan, **Seasons of Hunger**, Pluto Press.
- 2007 S. Devereux (ed), **The New Famines**, Routledge.

### Journal Articles (selected since 2007)

- 2019 S. Devereux. *Violations of farm workers' labour rights in post-apartheid South Africa*. **Development Southern Africa**.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux and L. Tavener-Smith. *Seasonal food insecurity among farm workers in the Northern Cape, South Africa*. **Nutrients**.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux, K. Roelen, R. Sabates, R. Sabates-Wheeler, D. Stoelinga and A. Dyevre. *Graduating from food insecurity: evidence from graduation projects in Burundi and Rwanda*. **Food Security**.
- 2017 S. Devereux. *The right to social protection in Africa: from CCCDFPRTs to CLSPPPs*. **Law in Africa**.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux, E. Masset, R. Sabates-Wheeler, M. Samson, A. Rivas and D. Te Lintelo. *The targeting effectiveness of social transfers*. **Journal of Development Effectiveness**.
- 2016 M. Adato, S. Devereux and R. Sabates-Wheeler. *Assessing the 'right' kinds of material and symbolic capital: the role of cash transfers in reducing adolescent risky behaviour in South Africa*. **Journal of Development Studies**.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Is targeting ethical?* **Global Social Policy**.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Social protection for enhanced food security in sub-Saharan Africa*. **Food Policy**.
- 2015 R. Sabates-Wheeler, A. Hurrell and S. Devereux. *Targeting social transfer programmes: comparing design and implementation errors across alternative mechanisms*, **Journal of International Development**.
- 2014 S. Devereux and A. McGregor. *Transforming social protection: human wellbeing and social justice*. **European Journal of Development Research**.
- 2013 R. Sabates-Wheeler and S. Devereux. *Sustainable graduation from social protection programmes*, **Development and Change**.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Trajectories of social protection in Africa*. **Development Southern Africa**.
- 2012 N. Haan, S. Devereux and D. Maxwell. *Global implications of Somalia 2011 for famine prevention, mitigation and response*. **Global Food Security**.
- 2011 S. Devereux. *Social protection in South Africa: exceptional or exceptionalism?* **Canadian Journal of Development Studies**.
- 2010 S. Devereux. *Better marginalised than incorporated? Pastoralist livelihoods in Somali Region, Ethiopia*. **European Journal of Development Research**.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux and K. Vincent. *Using technology to deliver social protection: exploring opportunities and risks*. **Development in Practice**.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux and P. White. *Social protection in Africa: evidence, politics and rights*, **Poverty & Public Policy**.
- \_\_\_\_ R. Sabates-Wheeler and S. Devereux. *Cash transfers and high food prices: explaining outcomes on Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme*. **Food Policy**.
- 2009 S. Devereux. *Why does famine persist in Africa?* **Food Security**.
- 2007 S. Devereux. *Social pensions in southern Africa in the 20th century*. **Journal of Southern African Studies**.

### Book Chapters (selected since 2007)

- 2019 S. Devereux. *Preventable famines: response and coordination failures in twenty-first-century famines*, in J. Dijkman and B. van Leeuwen (eds), **An Economic History of Famine Resilience**, Routledge.
- 2018 S. Devereux. *Food insecurity and famine*, in T. Binns, K. Lynch and E. Nel (eds), **The Routledge Handbook of African Development**, Routledge.
- 2017 S. Devereux. *Social protection floors and the right to food*, in J. Dijkhoff and L.G. Mpedi (eds), **Recommendation on Social Protection Floors: Basic principles for innovative solutions**, Kluwer Law.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Famine*, in N. Castree, M. Goodchild, A. Kobayashi, W. Liu, R. Marston and D. Richardson (eds), **The International Encyclopaedia of Geography**, Wiley-Blackwell.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Do 'graduation' programmes work for Africa's poorest?* in D. Lawson, D. Hulme and L. Ado-Kofie (eds), **What Works for Africa's Poorest? Programmes and Policies for the Extreme Poor**, Practical Action.

- 2016 S. Devereux. *Are graduation or rights-based programmes better for getting children out of poverty?* in R. Morgan (ed), **The Global Child Poverty Challenge: In Search of Solutions**, Practical Action.
- 2015 S. Devereux and K. Roelen. *Evaluating the impacts that impact evaluations don't evaluate*, in K. Roelen and L. Camfield (eds), **Mixed Methods Research in Poverty and Vulnerability: Sharing ideas and learning lessons**, Palgrave.
- 2014 S. Devereux. *Famine*, in V. Desai and R. Potter (eds), **The Companion to Development Studies**, Routledge.
- 2013 S. Devereux. *Foreword*, in R. Holmes and N. Jones, **Gender and Social Protection in the Developing World: Beyond Mothers and Safety Nets**, Zed Books.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux and K. Tibbo. *Social protection for pastoralists*, in A. Catley, J. Lind and I. Scoones (eds), **Pastoralism and Development in Africa: Dynamic Change at the Margins**, Routledge.
- 2011 S. Devereux. *Putting the vulnerable first*, in A. Cornwall and I. Scoones (eds), **Revolutionising Development: Reflections on the work of Robert Chambers**, Earthscan.
- 2010 S. Devereux. *Seasonal Food Crises and Social Protection in Africa*, in B. Harriss-White and J. Heyer (eds), **Comparative Political Economy of Development: Africa and South Asia**, Routledge.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux and F. Lund. *Democratising Social Welfare in Africa*, in V. Padayachee (ed), **The Political Economy of Africa**, Routledge.
- 2008 R. Sabates-Wheeler and S. Devereux. *Transformative Social Protection: The currency of social justice*, in A. Barrientos and D. Hulme (eds), **Social Protection for the Poor and Poorest**, Palgrave.

### Commissioned Research (selected since 2010)

- 2019 United Nations Development Programme. **The State of Social Assistance in Africa**. New York: UNDP. [Co-author.]
- 2017 S. Devereux, G. Levendal and E. Yde. *Understanding the labour conditions of women farm workers in the Western Cape and the Northern Cape, South Africa. Research Report*. Stellenbosch: Women on Farms Project.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux and I. Conradie. *Policy options for extending social protection to informal workers in South Africa. Issue Paper for the National Planning Commission*. Pretoria: UNDP and Republic of South Africa.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux, L. Sida and T. Nelis. **Famine: Lessons Learned**. Brighton: Humanitarian Learning Centre.
- 2016 S. Devereux. *Social protection for rural poverty reduction. Rural Transformations: Technical Paper, #1*. Rome: FAO.
- 2015 S. Devereux. *Social protection and safety nets in the Middle East and North Africa. Research Report, 80*. Brighton: IDS.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *The contribution of national social protection floors towards food security and the realisation of the right to adequate food for all. Extension of Social Security: Working Paper, 51*. Geneva: ILO.
- 2012 HLPE. **Social Protection for Food Security**. A report by the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). Rome: CFS. [Team leader and lead author.]
- 2011 Department of Social Development, South African Social Security Agency and UNICEF. **Child Support Grant Evaluation 2010: Qualitative Research Report**. Pretoria: UNICEF South Africa. [Team leader and lead author.]
- 2010 S. Devereux. *Building social protection systems in Southern Africa*. Background paper: **European Report on Development 2010**. Brussels. European Commission.

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### CONFERENCES (selected since 2014)

- 2019 S. Devereux. *Director: The Future of Farm Workers in South Africa*. Cape Town: University of the Western Cape.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Keynote: A brief history of social protection's brief history in Africa. 11<sup>th</sup> International NordWel Summer School Conference: State, Society and Citizen*. Bremen: University of Bremen.
- 2018 S. Devereux. *Keynote: Leave No-one Behind in the Fight against Poverty, Exclusion and Inequality*. Gaborone: Government of Botswana and UNDP.
- 2017 S. Devereux. *Presentation: Why is social protection not making a more substantial contribution to reducing malnutrition? Third International Conference on Global Food Security*. Cape Town: Centre of Excellence in Food Security.
- 2016 S. Devereux. *Keynote: The right to social protection in Africa. Law for Development: Strengthening Social Protection Systems in Africa*. Berlin: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Presentation: South Africa's social protection system: comprehensive but incomplete. Comprehensive Social Protection in SADC*. Johannesburg: Southern African Social Protection Experts Network (SASPEN).
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux and J. Waidler. *Presentation: Social grants, remittances, and food security: Does the source of income matter? Social Protection Systems: Tying the Knots*. Bonn: Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Plenary presentation: Why does social protection improve food security but not nutrition? World Nutrition Congress*. Cape Town: World Public Health Nutrition Association.
- 2014 S. Devereux. *Director: Graduation and Social Protection*. Kigali: Centre for Social Protection, Institute of Development Studies and Ministry of Local Government, Republic of Rwanda.
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